

Memorandum of Understanding
between the
Ship Structure Committee
and the
Gulf Coast Region Maritime Technology Center

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING for cooperation between the Ship Structure Committee (SSC) and the Gulf Coast Region Maritime Technology Center (GCRMTC). SSC and GCRMTC shall be referred to hereafter as organizations whenever addressed jointly.

PREAMBLE: The SSC and GCRMTC both have histories of research, development, education and service to the maritime industry. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a formal relationship between the two organizations to cooperate in these efforts resulting in mutual benefits. This MOU provides the ground rules for an enhanced research and development program for the member agencies of the SSC, the GCRMTC constituents, and the maritime industry.

GOAL: The goal of this MOU is to establish a formal relationship to strengthen both organizations' research and development programs.

The goal of the MOU will be met by achieving the following nonexclusive list of objectives:

OBJECTIVE 1: Development of project ideas that support the organizations' Strategic Plans for consideration by each organization for funding.

Starting January 1999:

SSC shall submit to the GCRMTC project ideas or Concept Proposals to be considered for funding.

Concept Proposals shall be submitted to the GCRMTC by the SSC in response to the annual GCRMTC solicitation in January of each year.

Notice of project selection for funding by the GCRMTC shall be provided to SSC by the June 30 of each calendar year.

The SSC will be invited to submit full proposals in response to all RFP's issued by the GCRMTC for those Concept Proposals approved by the Center's Government/Industry Advisory Board and its Government Program Manager (GPM)

Contracts resulting from these proposals, after peer review and GPM approval, are typically issued 12 to 15 months after Concept Proposals are solicited each year and are contingent on availability of fiscal year funds.

GCRMTC shall submit to the SSC project ideas to be considered for funding in the upcoming fiscal year (*i.e. projects submitted to the SSC in January 1999 will be considered for funding in fiscal year 2000*).

Project ideas shall be submitted to the SSC by January 30 of each calendar year in accordance with sections IX and X of the SSC Organization Manual.

Notice of project selection for funding by the SSC shall be provided to GCRMTC by June 30 of each calendar year.

Contracting of each project selected for funding by the SSC shall commence each October immediately following the notice of availability of fiscal year funds.

OBJECTIVE 2: Provide mutual benefit to the research and development programs of both organizations.

Each jointly sponsored project will be advertised, published and disseminated to the maritime industry in this light through each respective organization's mediums for advertising.

The resulting combined funding by both organizations shall be used as a tool to generate increased participation from within each organizations' membership.

Notice of this relationship shall be an integral part of advertising the organizations' research and development programs.

OBJECTIVE 3: Utilize the membership of each organization to benefit the resulting research and development products.

Review of projects by the memberships of both organizations provides an improved mechanism to introduce new technologies into industry with the input and knowledge of regulators, insurers, owners, designers, builders and operators.

This agreement will become effective upon the date of signature by the representatives of the organizations. It shall extend through calendar year 2001. At that time the agreement shall be subject to review and may be renewed if mutually agreeable.

For the Ship Structure Committee
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For the Gulf Coast Region Maritime
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Dr. John N. Crisp
Executive Director

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Date: January 21, 1999

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